

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

- - - A braking system includes a brake pedal, a pedal stroke sensor that generates a signal, an accumulator for pressurized braking liquid, and a proportional pressure controller that controls the pressure of the pressurized braking liquid and supplies the pressurized braking liquid to a wheel. The proportional pressure controller includes a spool. A push rod is connected to the brake pedal and moves in response to the stroke of the brake pedal in order to contact and push the spool. The proportional pressure controller controls the pressure of the pressurized braking liquid in accordance with the stroke signal and free from the motion of the push rod before the push rod contacts and pushes the spool, and in accordance with the stroke signal and the motion of the push rod after the push rod contacts and pushes the spool.

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